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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-609

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609

625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran for a plate or decal under the Section of the Code concerning plates for persons with disabilities, may without payment of fees apply for a special Disabled Veterans registration plate that does not display the international symbol of access. Provides that the design and color of Disabled Veterans plates shall be within the discretion of the Secretary, with exceptions. Provides that parking privileges for disabled veterans shall extend only to those veterans whose registration plates display the international symbol of access. Effective January 1, 2013.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 3-609 and 11-1301.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)

7 Sec. 3-609. Disabled Veterans' Plates.

8 (a) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
9 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs, and who has obtained certification from a licensed
11 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse
12 that the service-connected disability qualifies the veteran
13 for issuance of registration plates or decals to a person with
14 disabilities in accordance with Section 3-616, may make
15 application to the Secretary of State for disabled veterans
16 license plates displaying the international symbol of access,
17 for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first division
18 or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more
19 than 8,000 pounds, without the payment of any registration fee.

20 (b) Any veteran who holds proof of a service-connected
21 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
22 Affairs, and whose degree of disability has been declared to be
23 50% or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran

1 for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities under
2 Section 3-616, may make application to the Secretary for a
3 special registration plate without the international symbol of
4 access for the registration of one motor vehicle of the first
5 division or one motor vehicle of the second division weighing
6 not more than 8,000 pounds, without the payment of any
7 registration fee. ~~Any veteran may make application for the~~
8 ~~registration of one motor vehicle of the first division or one~~
9 ~~motor vehicle of the second division weighing not more than~~
10 ~~8,000 pounds to the Secretary of State without the payment of~~
11 ~~any registration fee if (i) the veteran holds proof of a~~
12 ~~service-connected disability from the United States Department~~
13 ~~of Veterans Affairs and (ii) a licensed physician, physician~~
14 ~~assistant, or advanced practice nurse has certified in~~
15 ~~accordance with Section 3-616 that because of the~~
16 ~~service-connected disability the veteran qualifies for~~
17 ~~issuance of registration plates or decals to a person with~~
18 ~~disabilities. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion,~~
19 ~~allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates~~
20 ~~in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. Registration~~
21 ~~shall be for a multi-year period and may be issued staggered~~
22 ~~registration.~~

23 (c) Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with
24 documentation for eligibility of registration without fee
25 unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability, and
26 such registration plates may not be issued to any person not

1 eligible therefor. The Illinois Department of Veterans'
2 Affairs may assist in providing the documentation of
3 disability.

4 (d) The design and color of the plates shall be within the
5 discretion of the Secretary, except that the plates issued
6 under subsection (b) of this Section shall not contain the
7 international symbol of access. The Secretary may, in his or
8 her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or
9 personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this
10 Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be
11 issued staggered registration.

12 (e) Any Commencing with the 2009 registration year, any
13 person eligible to receive license plates under this Section
14 who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens
15 and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical
16 Assistance Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under
17 that Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise
18 provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard
19 multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,
20 for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
21 Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at
22 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set
23 of plates under this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-157, eff. 1-1-08; 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 95-353,
25 eff. 1-1-08; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.1)
2 Sec. 11-1301.1. Persons with disabilities - Parking
3 privileges - Exemptions.

4 (a) A motor vehicle bearing registration plates issued to a
5 person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1,
6 pursuant to Section 3-616 or to a disabled veteran pursuant to
7 subsection (a) of Section 3-609 or a special decal or device
8 issued pursuant to Section 3-616 or pursuant to Section
9 11-1301.2 of this Code or a motor vehicle registered in another
10 jurisdiction, state, district, territory or foreign country
11 upon which is displayed a registration plate, special decal or
12 device issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle
13 is operated by or for a person with disabilities shall be
14 exempt from the payment of parking meter fees and exempt from
15 any statute or ordinance imposing time limitations on parking,
16 except limitations of one-half hour or less, on any street or
17 highway zone, or any parking lot or parking place which are
18 owned, leased or owned and leased by a municipality or a
19 municipal parking utility; and shall be recognized by state and
20 local authorities as a valid license plate or parking device
21 and shall receive the same parking privileges as residents of
22 this State; but, such vehicle shall be subject to the laws
23 which prohibit parking in "no stopping" and "no standing" zones
24 in front of or near fire hydrants, driveways, public building
25 entrances and exits, bus stops and loading areas, and is
26 prohibited from parking where the motor vehicle constitutes a

1 traffic hazard, whereby such motor vehicle shall be moved at
2 the instruction and request of a law enforcement officer to a
3 location designated by the officer.

4 (b) Any motor vehicle bearing registration plates or a
5 special decal or device specified in this Section or in Section
6 3-616 of this Code, or such parking device as specifically
7 authorized in Section 11-1301.2 as evidence that the vehicle is
8 operated by or for a person with disabilities, or bearing
9 registration plates issued to a disabled veteran under
10 subsection (a) of Section 3-609 may park, in addition to any
11 other lawful place, in any parking place specifically reserved
12 for such vehicles by the posting of an official sign as
13 provided under Section 11-301. Parking privileges granted by
14 this Section are strictly limited to the person to whom the
15 special registration plates, special decal or device were
16 issued and to qualified operators acting under his or her
17 express direction while the person with disabilities is
18 present. A person to whom privileges were granted shall, at the
19 request of a police officer or any other person invested by law
20 with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic, present
21 an identification card with a picture as verification that the
22 person is the person to whom the special registration plates,
23 special decal or device was issued.

24 (c) Such parking privileges granted by this Section are
25 also extended to motor vehicles of not-for-profit
26 organizations used for the transportation of persons with

1 disabilities when such motor vehicles display the decal or
2 device issued pursuant to Section 11-1301.2 of this Code.

3 (d) No person shall use any area for the parking of any
4 motor vehicle pursuant to Section 11-1303 of this Code or where
5 an official sign controlling such area expressly prohibits
6 parking at any time or during certain hours.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
9 1, 2013.